

## WEARE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE (PARC)

### Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2006

Members Present: Gene Propper, Tom Reynolds, Chuck Metcalf, John Nikias, Heleen Kirk, Jim Blouin, Valerie King

Meeting called to order (Tom) at 7:07pm

#### Senior Citizen Update (Dot):

- Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. About 15 people showed up. Heleen was present to answer questions on the budget.
- Everything is ready for the adult luncheon on the 21<sup>st</sup>. About 20 people have already called. Jim will have a check prepared to pay Cora, the story teller. Heleen prepared a simple agreement (specifying date and cost) for Cora and PARC to sign.

*Motion made by Chuck and seconded by Tom "to authorize Heleen to sign the agreement with Cora on behalf of PARC. Motion approved.*

- Discussion on future plans for the senior schedule will be postponed until next month. A block of time will be set aside at the next meeting to discuss ideas.

#### Public Comment (Bruce Clements, WAC):

- Bruce is interested in having a recreation community center built in Weare. He came before PARC to see if the Committee had any interest in this idea and to see if it would be possible to consider building the facility at Bolton Field.
- Suggestion made that Bruce speak with Naomi Bolton who has similar ideas about a sport facility.
- Suggestion made that WAC also consider the possibility of using the site where they were originally going to put the Middle School (across from the new safety complex)
- No details have been considered at this time, but the general thought was to provide a building with a few court areas (probably basketball) with and area for concessions and restrooms.
- Unclear as to the cost of such a facility. Concern raised as to how the property would be maintained and what the operating costs would be (could it be self-supporting).
- PARC members were generally supportive of the idea, but felt that Bruce needed to do more research before PARC could make any commitments. Bruce will look into funding and what the building and operating costs are for a similar facility recently built in Candia. He will return to PARC next month with more information and an update on his progress.

#### Last Months Meeting Minutes:

*Motion made by Chuck and seconded by Gene to accept February's minutes. John Abstained. Motion approved.*

#### Chairman Discussion:

- Tom asked if anyone was interested in co-chair or assistant chair. Chuck and Valerie were willing to take on additional tasks as needed to assist Tom.

*Motion made by Heleen and seconded by Tom for Chuck and Valerie to serve as Co-Vice Chairmen. All approved.*

*Motion made by Chuck and seconded by Gene to nominate Tom as Chairman. All approved.*

#### Director's Job Description:

- Mission of PARC needs to be defined before PARC can really set the Director's responsibilities. Heleen will bring this to the attention of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) at their next meeting.
- Heleen will also ask BOS about a work session with PARC on April 12 (Wednesday) from 7 to 9pm. Further discussion on the Director's Job Description is tabled until after the April meeting with BOS.

#### 2006 Budget:

- John asked that bills come forward at each months meeting (for PARC review of monthly spending). A monthly 10-minute review and explanation of where the money goes was suggested.
- Discussion on the current procedures regarding the fiscal paper trail of PARC. What checks and balances are in place at this time? Tom provided an overview of how bills and funds are currently handled.

#### Chase Park

- Summer Job Applicants:
  - Two applications so far.
  - Heleen put ads for the adult positions in the Concord Monitor, Union Leader and a few other local papers. She also put flyers up at in the teacher's rooms of the local schools, etc.
  - Plan made to start next months meeting early (6:30pm) and hold interviews at the beginning of the meeting.
  - Heleen will start working on young adult ad and will have it out by the weekend.
- Gates closing: Bob-houses must be off the lake by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Jim will close the gate the night before or the morning of April 1. Gene will post bob-house notice removal notice on the local cable access channel.
- Pump: Jim will get quotes. Expecting costs to be around \$8-11,000 which will require the job to go out to bid. Jim will also look into other options.
- Stocking Lake Horace: Gabe, a biologist from Fish and Game, called Chuck about a complaint regarding restricted access to the lake. Stocking of the lake should be stopped if PARC is going to restrict access for fishing (similar complaints have been voiced in the past). Fish and Game will review information and make a decision. If there is a change in policy, they will contact Chuck..

#### Director's Report:

- Fisher Cat tickets:
  - Concern voiced that it is not appropriate for the town to subsidize these sorts of activities. Activities should be those that strengthen the sense of community (i.e. in town). Until PARC settles on the mission of PARC we should suspend developing ideas. Others disagree with this approach.
  - Suggestion made that the subsidized game on the same night as a local organization fundraisers (ie. John Stark Football concession stand or the Pack 24 Boy Scouts selling programs) so that locals can help support locals (ie. Weare residents more likely to go to a concession stand manned by Weare residents to support a Weare cause).

*John made a motion, seconded by Chuck for discussion "to subsidize \$5 for up to 50 tickets for a Fisher Cats game." 2-Approved; 1-No; 3-Abstained. Motion approved.*

- Swim lessons: Question rose as to why we have one we sponsor and one that is private at the same time (who is entitled to the better swimming area). Should we get compensation for the private swim lessons? Heleen will investigate. Further discussion on possible fee for use of part for private lessons postponed until April meeting.

*John made a motion, seconded by Chuck that "the red cross stairs are reserved for PARC swim lessons. Amended to include, "Lessons to be at same fees as last year of \$10 per a 2-week session." All in favor. Motion approved.*

Jim will post swim lessons in mid-May. Chuck requested that they not be started until after bible school week if possible.

- Landscape Support: Jim will follow-up with Carl to go over drainage at Bolton and clean-up at Purington. He will also ask about Chase Park.
- Family Fun Day/Weare Winter Wanderers: Picnic tables had been left out after the event. Garbage didn't get dumped in the dumpster (blew over and Jim had to pick it up). Ruts in the new sod from trucks driving on it. Jim spoke to organizers. Gene suggested that PARC create a checklist for future events so that users know what needs to be taken care of after an activity.
- Fertilizer: Bruce to do the fertilizing (per contract) and bill PARC.

*Chuck made a motion, seconded by Heleen "to hold off on doing anything to fields until we know total cost of fertilizing all the fields"*

*Heleen left meeting at 9:25pm*

Old Business: None

#### New Business:

- A citizen approached Chuck about leaving the park open for spring fishing. Issue discussed. Suggestion made that park be opened to allow fishing from shore but

- keeping launch closed to boats. Concern raised that if the gate is left open, what about the bathrooms. Decision made that providing bathroom facilities would cost too much money for the few people who may utilize them for spring fishing.
- Parking area to be re-lined for handy-capped parking. General discussion ensued regarding ADA compliance at Chase Park.
  - Line Dancing Activity: Possible PARC sponsored activity. No out of pocket expense to PARC. Tom asked for committee's thoughts on this idea. No one expressed an issue with this possibility.
  - Volleyball and Softball: Question asked regarding possible sponsorship. These activities come under PARC for insurance coverage to use school facilities. As long as it is open to the public, it will be covered.

*Motion made by Chuck and seconded by Tom for "PARC to sponsor Weare women's softball and volleyball group" Motion approved.*

#### Non-Public Session: Director's Salary

*Tom made a motion, seconded by Chuck, for a non-public session in accordance with 91-A:3, II a and c. Roll Call Vote (John, Val, Chuck, Gene and Tom). Motion approved. Committee went into non-public session at 10:00pm*

#### Non-Public Discussion:

*Motion to come out of non-public session made by Chuck and seconded by Tom. Roll Call Vote (John, Val, Chuck, Gene and Tom). Motion approved.*

*Motion made by Chuck and seconded by John to "authorize Tom to sign paperwork to increase the Director's salary by 8%\*, effective March 16, 2006. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion approved.*

*\*8% increase based on an average 2-3% raise given to other town employees for past 3 years that were not given to the Director.*

#### Adjourn:

*Tom made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chuck. All approved. Meeting adjourned at 10:16pm.*